

ST. JOAN OF ARC BEFORE LONG

FRANCE'S NATIONAL HEROINE
TO BE CANONIZED.

Moral Worth of the Maid of Orleans Declared Satisfactory—Story of the efforts to have her beatification proclaimed—Mgr. Dupanloup and Mgr. Touchet—Whole Truth About the Maid Will Be Published Soon.

ROME, Nov. 18.—Yesterday the Congregation of Rites in the presence of the Pope gave its decision on the moral heroism of Joan of Arc: this is the last stage but one in the process of beatification. There remains, before she can be crowned, the proof of the miracle performed, so that the beatification cannot be pronounced until some months have elapsed. I should not dream of lifting a corner of the veil that conceals the canonical drama, but to relate to mankind, which is properly curious, what probably belongs to the public domain will seem neither indecate nor presumptuous.

It was Mgr. Dupanloup who, at a critical moment, made the bold proposal to the Holy See. The people of France, who first acclaimed the Maid of Orleans's mission, had also placed on her head the mystic halo. It raised altars to her, established festivals to glorify her magnanimity and to exalt her. Such a general instinct precedes in the Church the liturgical canonization. Does not everything in Joan of Arc show her moral preeminence, that infallible mark of sainthood, the Maid's gentleness, her generalship without a mistake, her heroic valor, her keen and subtle diplomacy, her mildness joined to force, and her humble attitude when giving imperative commands? The peasant girl of Domremy wore this marvelous crown with the quiet ease that makes her a unique being, the splendor of whose life startles us.

The historian finds in her, in an incomparable degree, the merits of both sexes. She did and acted before she knew, or rather she knew without having learned. In everything she still looked to that to which none else looked. It was impossible to combine in the same person more grace, more reason, more virtue; her life was a permanent miracle; she was outside the limits of humanity. "From time to time," says La Bruyère, "there appear on the surface of the earth rare, exquisite men, who shine by their virtues and whose eminent qualities shed a prodigious light. Like these extraordinary meteors whose cause is unknown, and of whose fate after they have disappeared we know even less, they have neither ancestors nor descendants; they themselves comprise their whole race." From what a height the maid looks down on these souls will be shown by the documents in the case.

Rome, it must be admitted, received the advocate of Joan of Arc with the silent dread that cautious old men feel when they see a bold gesture. Mgr. Dupanloup, with his enterprising manner, disturbed their caution. What a perspective of troubles and worries opened before them. Nationalism with its passion for France, England, rival jealousies, the apothecosis of war, many shadows in the picture apart from Joan's "weaknesses," all this brought up a vision of endless procedure. Mgr. Dupanloup, in his stirring way, rushed through this terror like a whirlwind, bearing down resistance in his path.

Joan of Arc's case was begun. There was at Orleans an antichristian of the school, innocent as a child and learned as the Benedictines. On his deathbed, two years ago, Abbé Desnoyers asked Mgr. Touchet the question: "Do you believe that I have been a scholar more than a priest?" His candor was inspired by the glory of the heroine. But Rome, anxious for the maintenance of her canons, insisted that the Inquisition should be begun all over again. It was France's good fortune that at the Vatican there was somebody who could read the souls of men and of nations.

Cardinal Parocchi, who had charge of the investigation, the gift of imagination and the charm of eloquence. In the winter of 1893, at the first plenary meeting when Joan of Arc was proclaimed Venerable, his plea roused such applause that the Cardinals, in their excitement, thought of proclaiming the beatification at once by acclamation. Cardinal Desnoyers objected. It is his merit, and will ever be his honor, that he chilled the enthusiasm for the suit, as it proceeds, will throw light on every page of the epic and will wipe out the disturbing shadows from the picture full of wonders.

Despite Leo XIII's good will, ten years went by. Rome supplied itself with all the testimony. In the front row we have Mgr. Touchet, the conqueror. He told the Pope what he believed. Flood of great ideas and of pageants, Leo XIII. allowed himself to be carried away by the magic of the prelate's firm conviction. "And your mind is made up," he said, "that Joan is blessed?" "Most Holy Father, I wish to be sure, I have studied, I believe it." When Mgr. Touchet yields to the charm of the Maid, he grows excited, his eyes gleam, his face lightens up; it is a transfiguration springing from the most beautiful enthusiasm, that of the heart.

One evening he told the mysteries of her life to some intimate friends; every one was in tears. At Orleans 122 meetings were devoted to the preparation of the brief. Learned men, historians, documents, the archives of the past, the facts of the present, none of these does the Bishop allow to escape his vigilance. The statement of M. K. Smith seemed most decisive. The celebrated professor of the Lycee Universitaire, a historian and critic, declared: "I do not know history, nobody does, but I have grown gray studying documents. On my soul and conscience I proclaim that since the Virgin Mary no soul has shone with such brilliance, she is the gentlest and purest example of the human race."

There were still doubts. To do away with these Leo XIII., by his personal authority, gave Mgr. Touchet the assistance of the first jurist in Rome, Mgr. Allibrandi. At the same time, at Cardinal Parocchi's death, Mgr. Touchet confided the direction of the case to Cardinal Ferrata. Four times did the Bishop of Orleans try in vain to talk the matter over with the former Nuncio to Paris; it was only after he had thoroughly studied the matter that the Cardinal shed light on the case with that Italian clearness, that diplomatic shrewdness and that conviction that make him a man of action. He managed to touch up the lights and to dispense the shadows. Consequently at the second meeting, last year, all the Cardinals of the Congregation voted that the case should be introduced; of twenty-one consultants only five hesitated and preferred "suspension." Yet these two victories did not decide the question. Strong prejudice appeared against the full rehabilitation of the Maid. What would England say? What would the world think, jealous of this moral supremacy and light? Mgr. Touchet refused no task. In the name of the Church and of Great Britain Cardinal Vaughan exalted the French Jephthas and put a stop to the echoes of the Roman court.

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THE BUFFALO MURDER.

Inimitable Evidence Against Bonier.

Who is Now the Only Suspect.

BUFFALO, Dec. 5.—There were important developments in the Frehr murder case today. They hinge on the fact that the authorities are now bending every effort to fasten the crime upon Charles Bonier, who has been the murder suspect from the outset. The first development is that the authorities have found out why Bonier suddenly departed from Buffalo for Erie, Pa., ostensibly to visit a woman friend he had not seen in years.

His chief reason for getting out of Buffalo was that his efforts to bribe the notary public, Burzynski, before whom he presented himself with the forged deeds to the Frehr's property, did not meet with success. The notary alleges that Bonier first offered him \$50 if he would say that it was none other than an older man than Bonier, who had presented himself with the forged deeds. Later this offer was increased to \$250, but Burzynski said that he could not accept a bribe of any kind and that if he found out the deeds were wrong in any way he would tell the authorities. This frightened Bonier and he skipped.

Another development is the fact that the afternoon the two purses found on Bonier were identified as the purses that belonged to the two Frehrs. Bonier took the purses with him to Erie, and the \$27, principally gold, which was found on him there, was contained in the purses. By order of District Attorney Costaworth, Mrs. Jacobson was released by the police this afternoon. This leaves Bonier the sole suspect. The woman satisfied the authorities that she knew nothing of the murder.

Vacation for Bob Ammon to Testify In.

Col. Bob Ammon, now a convict in Sing Sing, will probably appear as a witness in two civil suits in the Supreme Court this week. Supreme Court Justice Fitzgerald issued yesterday two habeas corpus writs, directed to the warden of Sing Sing, calling for the production of Ammon in court. One suit is brought by J. F. Barrell and J. Barrell as plaintiffs, against Alfred R. Goslin, R. A. Ammon, F. D. Morgan, T. J. Gibson and Richard Grey as defendants. The other is by Oscar & Bell, against Ammon and other defendants.

BURGLAR SCARED 'EM ALL OFF

TALKED FROM HOUSE WHILE THE MEN LOOKED ON.

Caught in Bed in a Room Next Door—Stole a Boy's Nickel Watch, and When the Other Tenants Came He Ordered Them to Stand Still, and They All Obeyed.

William Glecken, 16 years old, of 308 Fifth street, was awakened at 1 o'clock yesterday morning by some one fumbling about his pillow, under which he had put his dollar nickel watch.

When he opened his eyes he saw a man stooping over the bed. "Help! Burglars!" he shouted to his father, Samuel Glecken, who was sleeping in an adjoining room. The burglar pushed a revolver under the boy's nose and ordered him to keep still. Then he picked up the lad's clothing and searched the pockets.

When the elder Glecken entered the room the intruder covered him with his revolver and ordered him to stand against the wall. Glecken obeyed, and the burglar opened the door leading to the hallway. As he stepped out he was confronted by Michael Gerabel, Samuel Flick, Isidore Auerbach and several other tenants. Gerabel was armed with a Schutzen Corps rifle, which he had forgotten to load. Flick had a sabre that was used in the Franco-Prussian War; Auerbach carried a policeman's club, while the others were armed with brooms and coal shovels.

"Here he comes. Give it to him," Flick shouted. The burglar stopped, raised his revolver and pointed it at the army of defence. Then he ordered them to get back from the head of the stairs and they decided that it was wise to obey.

The invader walked down the stairs, keeping his pistol pointed at the men as long as he was in sight. When he reached the ground floor he went into the rear yard and scaled the fence leading to the rear yard of 82 Second avenue.

The tenants then ran down to the street door and shouted for the police. When Policeman Deacher came he followed the burglar over the fence and found Otto Heuser and his wife in the rear yard of 82 Second avenue. They said they had got out of their bed in the basement to learn what the trouble was, but hadn't seen the burglar.

The policeman noticed an open window, and went into Heuser's bedroom. He was about to look under the bed when the bed clothes moved. The cop pressed his revolver against the clothing and announced that he was ready to shoot if the person underneath stirred.

Heuser pulled off the clothing and showed a man fully dressed lying in the bed with a loaded .38 calibre revolver in his hand. In his pocket was young Glecken's nickel watch.

The prisoner gave the name of Andrew Gardello and said that he lived at 24 Stanton street. When he was arraigned before Magistrate Pool in the Yorkville police court on a charge of burglary he waived examination and was held for trial.

FEUD MEN TO RETURN.

Those Who Left Jackson, Ky., Say They Are Going Back—No Peace Agreement.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 5.—T. P. Cole, who was one of the first men to leave Jackson on account of the reign of terror that had existed there since this morning that there had been no peace agreement between the Cockhill and the Hargis faction, but that the refugees had agreed among themselves to return and stand by their rights.

"We have property there and intend to go back and face the situation squarely," he said.

Capt. John Patrick will return. He has gone to Louisville on a business trip and to visit his wife's relatives before returning to Jackson. Cole was secretary of the Republican district committee, and his house in this city was the headquarters for the anti-Hargis people. According to Cole, it is by agreement among the anti-Hargis people that Capt. Ewen and all the other refugees will return to the feud town.

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FIRE SOUNDS REVEILLE.

Governors Island Soldiers and Fireboat Busy at 4 in the Morning.

The garrison at Governors Island was aroused by cannon and bugle at 4 o'clock yesterday morning to fight a fire in a brick and frame shed used as a general storehouse. The summons brought many members of the Eighth Infantry Battalion with less than half their uniforms on. Capt. Walker, fire marshal of the post, organized a bucket brigade to help the small engine to subdue the fire and protect a two story magazine, well filled with explosives, about twenty feet from the burning shed.

The soldiers did gallant work with their limited resources. Col. Dougherty through it best to let the drilled fire force of the garrison have a chance to make a sure and quick end of the fire, so he telephoned for help. The fireboat New Yorker's mighty steam siren drowned out the blaze, which had gutted the structure, causing about \$2,000 damage.

BLANCHE ST. CLAIR DEAD.

Wife of a Leader of a Gang of Post Office Thieves Dies With Secrets Kept.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 5.—Blanche St. Clair, who helped a gang of post office thieves, died at the Jefferson Hospital this morning of cancer of the throat. Although every effort was made by the police, through the doctors and nurses, to get the girl to confess where her husband, the leader of the gang, was in hiding, she refused to say a word.

Mrs. St. Clair went to the hospital two days before the accidental explosion of nitroglycerine exposed the headquarters of the gang at 735 Wood street, and led to the arrest of six of the men, on Nov. 12. During her stay in the hospital no inquiries, letters or communications reached her. The police are waiting to see who will claim the body.

Cathedral Choir Singer Missing.

Charles Gill Smyth of 908 Halsey street, Brooklyn, disappeared last Wednesday while in Philadelphia on a business trip, and up to last night his distracted wife had neither seen nor heard anything of him. Smyth is 25 years old. When he had transacted his business in Philadelphia he started for New York, having previously written to his wife that he would be home on Wednesday. Mrs. Smyth said last night that she feared her husband had met with foul play. She added that he wore no jewelry and had about \$20. Smyth is a member of the Garden City Cathedral choir.

Fifty Mine Workers Leave for Texas.

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Dec. 5.—Fifty mine workers and their families left this morning for Tharber, Tex., where they have obtained work in the large soft coal field recently opened. The agent who came here to engage them says 500 others applied for the places and there is great desire apparently to get out of this region. He has already sent 300 men to Tharber and 700 have gone from the Colorado fields, where the mine workers are on strike.

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Gift Intended Was Not a Gift of Real Estate, a Trustee Explains, and the Tribute That It Was Meant to Offer She Did Accept, as He Understands It.

When the costly First Church of Christ, Scientist, was opened the other day the leading spirits sent a letter to Mrs. Mary B. G. Eddy offering the new church to her as a tribute of loving loyalty and gratitude. That letter and one in which Mrs. Eddy "declines to receive" it were made public yesterday. They are:

NEW YORK CITY, Nov. 30, 1903. The Rev. Mary B. G. Eddy, Pleasant View, Concord, N. H.: First Church of Christ, Scientist, New York city, rejoice in the accomplishment of its desire to honor the cause of Christian Science and with an acknowledgment of its merits from thousands of representative people and to offer to our beloved leader the church of a tribute of loving loyalty and gratitude.

EDWIN F. HATFIELD, ADOLPH RUSH, WILLIAM H. TAYLOR, STEWART B. BOWMAN, JOHN D. BIGGINS, Clerk.

PLEASANT VIEW, CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 5. Mrs. Mary B. G. Eddy, Pleasant View, Concord, N. H.: Beloved Students: Your telegram, in which you expressed to me the princely gift of your magnificent church edifice in New York city, is an unexpected token of your gratitude and love. I deeply appreciate it, profoundly thank you for it and gratefully accept the spirit of it, but I must decline to receive that for which you have sacrificed so much and labored so long. May divine love abundantly bless you, reward you according to your works, guide and direct, and may you

"Who stood the storm when seas were rough. No fear in a sunny hour fall on."

Mrs. Eddy's action is explained by one of the trustees of the church as "not a refusal, but an acceptance." "It was not intended," he said, "to convey the church as a piece of real estate to Mrs. Eddy, but, rather, to offer it in the spirit of a tribute to our beloved leader—to dedicate it to her in recognition of her splendid work. A careful reading of Mrs. Eddy's letter will show that she accepted the church in the spirit in which it was given, but feels that all honor should fall upon those who have labored so long for its completion."

As the reported trouble between Mrs. Augustus E. Stetson, First Reader of our church, and Mrs. Eddy, I can only say that the rumor is entirely unfounded and has no bearing whatever on Mrs. Eddy's attitude toward our church."

Importers of Goat Skins Fall.

BOSTON, Dec. 5.—Irving, Downing & Co. of 15 High street, importers of goat skins and dealers in leather, have assigned, with liabilities of about \$60,000. David Loring of the firm of Loring, Tolman and Tupper, bankers and brokers, is the assignee. There are some forty creditors.

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The outflow of Christmas mail for Europe began yesterday with the departure of the American liner Philadelphia for Southampton and the Cunarder Etruria for Queenstown and Liverpool. The Philadelphia carried nearly 2,000 sacks, exclusive of 500 sacks of New Zealand mail that usually is taken by the Cunard ships. The New Zealand matter didn't reach the city until several hours after the Etruria had left her pier at 6 o'clock. The Philadelphia waited in stream off her pier until she got the antipodean cargo aboard. She was delayed several hours. She carried about 70 per cent. more than her usual mail. The Etruria took away almost double the quantity of mail she generally carries.

The Prinz Adalbert of the North German Lloyd line, which sailed yesterday for Mediterranean ports, had aboard the largest Italian mail ever transported in one ship. The Cunarder Campania, from Liverpool and Queenstown, brought 1,907 bags of mail.

New \$600,000 Factory for the Gorham Company.

Plans have been filed with the Building Bureau for a new seven story manufacturing building for the Gorham Manufacturing Company, at 226 and 227 West Thirty-sixth street. It is to have a facade of hard brick, with a frontage of 30 feet and a depth of 88.11 feet, and is to cost \$60,000.

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